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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-10 (Cancelled).

11(Currently Amended). A seal element having at least a housing [[area]] <u>portion</u>, at least one dynamic seal [[area]] <u>portion</u> as well as at least one static seal [[area]] <u>portion</u> made of a static seal material, which is in at least a partial working relationship to the housing [[area]] <u>portion</u>, and wherein the static seal [[area]] <u>portion</u> is at least partially covered with hardenable material comprised of friction-reducing elements, wherein the hardenable material is different than the static seal material and comprising the following proportional makeup:

5-20% acrylpolymer

0-10% PTFE

_____65-95% water.

12(Currently Amended)). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material is hardenable under the effects of temperature.

13(Currently Amended). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material is a glue.

14(Currently Amended). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material is a polymer glue.

15(Currently Amended). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material is comprised of polyurethane or polyacrylate.

16-17(Canceled).

18(Currently Amended). The seal element in accordance with claim 11, including a radial wave seal ring having an external surface on which the static seal [[area]] portion is affixed.

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19(Currently Amended). The seal element in accordance with claim <u>1</u>8, wherein the <u>static seal material of the</u> static seal [[area]] <u>portion</u> is comprised of elastomer.

20(Currently Amended). The seal in accordance with claim $\underline{1}8$, wherein the static seal [[area]] <u>portion</u> is made in a profiled form.

21(New). The seal in accordance with claim 11, wherein the hardenable material composition consists essentially of:

10% acrylpolymer

5% PTFE, and

85% water.